In the claims:

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Al	1	1. (Amended) A driving device for the windshield wiper
	2	assembly of a motor vehicle, which has:
Some the first than t	3	a housing,
	4	an electric motor located in a housing with a pivoted armature,
	5	a gear unit located in the housing with a worm shaft located on a
	6	section of the armature, and
	7	an axial thrust generating device to compensate for the axial free
	8	play of the armature,
	9	characterized in that one and of the armature is supported at the
	10	housing through a support bearing and that the axial thrust generating device
	11	possesses a tapered sliding member which is supported in the housing movable
	12	in the radial direction relative to the armature and is supported against the
	13	armature shaft so that axial force can be applied to the armature shaft in the
Ħ	14	direction of the support bearing by moving the tapered sliding member.
Many and	1	2. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 1
	2	wherein the armature is supported in a roller bearing with an inner race located
	3	on the armature and an outer race located in one of the gear housing and in the
	4	motor housing.
	1	3. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 2,
	2	wherein the roller bearing is located between the worm shaft and the electric
	3	motor.
	1	4. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 2
	2	wherein the outer race is supported in the housing so that it is movable axially
	3	and wherein the tapered sliding member imparts an axial force to the outer race
	4	in the direction of the support bearing.

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- 5. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 4 wherein the fixed inner race is attached to the armature, so that it can transfer an axial force acting on the outer race to the armature.
- 6. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 5 wherein a fixed thrust washer is located on the armature on the side of the roller bearing facing away from the tapered sliding member.
- 7. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 6 wherein the thrust washer is formed as a clamp ring which is located on the armature in an annular groove formed in the armature.
- 8. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the tapered sliding member is formed basically U-shaped, where the armature runs in the gap between the two parallel legs of the U.
- 9. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 2, wherein the housing possesses a collar-shaped area which extends radially inward, through which the armature runs and on which the tapered sliding member is supported.
- 10. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 9 wherein the surface of the collar-shaped area on which the tapered sliding member is supported has a bevel which matches the bevel on the surface of the tapered sliding member on which the latter is supported in the collar-shaped area.
- 11. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 1, wherein a displacing force can be applied to the tapered sliding member by means of a spring element.

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- 12. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 11 wherein the spring element is constructed as a helical spring.
- 1 13. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 11 wherein the spring element is constructed as a leaf spring.
- 1 14. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 11 wherein the spring element is constructed as a rubber spring.
- 1 15. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 11 wherein the spring element is constructed as a plastic spring.